

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WEBB COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on September 10, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda notice as posted in the meeting of the 6th of September 2001. Present also were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and other interested in the business of the court.

01-09-252

- 1. Call to Order – Judge Martinez**
Invocation – Mr. William N. Hall, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

01-09-253

- 2. Approval of Minutes –**

Motion to defer minutes as per recent flooding at the Justice Center.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-09-257 6. – e (2.) and 8. – q. }**

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Emergency Order –

Motion to acknowledge Order provided by County Attorney to declare an emergency in Webb County for the flood damage which occurred on August 30, 31, 2001 and September 5, 2001 and; declare, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Government Code, a local state of disaster in Webb County and specifically the following Webb County Colonias. The purpose of the declaration is due to the deteriorated conditions on private road was in the above listed Colonias because of recent rainfalls and to allow the Webb County Road & Bridge Department to repair and stabilize said private roadway, which will allow for adequate access by emergency vehicles:

Highway 359

Las Pilas, Ranchito Los Centenarios, Ranchitos Los Arcos, Ranchitos Los Fresnos, Ranchitos Los Nopalitos, Ranchito Los Mesquites; Pueblo Nuevo, Old Milwaukee, D-5 Acres, La Coma

Highway 83 North
La Presa

Highway 83 South
La Moca
Los Minerales Annex and Antonio Santos

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-09-254

3. Communications –

Judge Martinez announced that the meeting for the 24th of September had been rescheduled for September 17, 2001.

Washington's Birthday Celebration Association memo stating that the IBC Youth Parade would be held February 2001.

Texas Department of Public Transportation announcing Mr. Danny Magee, P.E. as Director of Transportation Operation.

Mr. Amber Yeary, Laredo Golf Association came before the court to express his concerns over the golf course.

Mr. Hector Farias, VIDA addressed the court at this time and Mr. Balt Ramos, Golf Course Operator responded to his remarks.

01-09-255

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. William N. Hall, Jr., Treasurer presented his report at this time.

Motion to approve to pay the side bills and payroll as follows:

8-31 \$ 1,612,278.68

9-14 \$ 1,600,300.00

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Auditor's Report –

Mr. Leo Flores, Auditor presented his report at this time.

Tax Assessor-Collector –

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor collector presented the MVD and Ad Valorem reports.

Motion to accept reports from Road & Bridge, Facilities, Water Utilities, and Public Defender as submitted.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-09-256

5. Proclamation/Resolutions –

Ms. Cynthia Mares, CAA Director came before the court to present a proclamation for “Try Transit Week”.

Motion to accept the proclamation.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-09-257

6. – a. Webb County Auditor –

Mr. Leo Flores, Auditor addressed the court and stated that a notice had been made in the Laredo Morning Times on the 10th of August 2001 regarding the salaries and allowances of Elected Officials for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Motion to approve the setting of salaries and allowances of Elected Officials as per Sec. 152.013, Texas Local Government Code and authorization to issue written notice to Elected Officials of their salary and allowances to be included in the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Webb County Budget.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Commissioner Vasquez stepped out during the vote.

Sheriff Juan Garza, Constable Ruben Reyes, Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector came before the court to request salary adjustments.

6. – b. Public Hearing –

Motion to go into a Public Hearing on the Webb County budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2001, pursuant to Charter 111, Texas Local Government Code.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

*****PUBLIC HEARING*****

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator presented the court with a list of requested changes (General Fund).

Commissioner Velasquez stated his concerns over item # 4 (Salary increases in J.P. Liendo personnel to reflect 10% rather than 6%).

Mr. Jose Salinas, Jail Administrator informed the court of his concerns over having the flexibility to move monies from payroll to regular line items if emergency should arise later on during the year.

Judge Martinez agreed with Mr. Salinas and suggested to the court that he have that flexibility.

Judge Martinez asked if there was anyone lese that needed to address the court.

Motion to close Public Hearing.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c. Adoption of budget –

1.)

The court reviewed the list of changes at this time....

(The list of items are on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office)

Several items discussed were additional retirement option for Webb County employees, impact of increased personnel costs due to adjustment for 15+ year tenure employees and salary adjustments requests from Community Center Directors.

Motion to approve to have all Community Center Directors at the salary of \$ 28,000 + fringe.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ms. Janie Puente, Risk Manager came before the court to address her budget.

Motion to approve the transfer of Claims Coordinator employee from Risk Management General Fund to Workers Compensation fund increasing salary from \$ 26,930 (+ fringe) to \$ 27,770 (+ fringe).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to increase Risk Management Department operational budget line items as follows:

Office supplies from \$ 7,000 to \$ 8,000

Repairs and Maintenance Equipment from \$ 5,000 to \$ 6,000

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to increase salary for slot # 250 in County Attorney Department from \$ 64,305 to \$ 66,670 + fringes.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to increase Third Party Funding for Crime Stoppers from \$ 1,000 to \$ 2,000.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to Create employee slot in Commissioners Court Department for Code Enforcement Officer and transfer County Attorney Department.

Moved: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to transfer Mail Clerk employee from Building Maintenance Department to the Tax Assessor Collector Department.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4
Against: 1 } Commissioner Urdiales
Abstain: 0

Motion to incorporate all changes listed with the exception of #5, #11, #17, #18.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to change job title of a custodian slot (Ms. Amalia Valdez) in Building Maintenance to Custodian/Courthouse Support Staff (no impact on budget).

Moved: Judge Martinez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to create a part-time position (\$ 7.50 a/hour) funded at \$ 100.00 at the County Clerk Office. This matter to be reviewed in January 2002.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to create a teller-position at the Tax-Assessor-Collector funded with a \$ 100.00 for the Sheriff's Department Administration Building possible drive-thru.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

1:30 p.m.

Motion to recess for lunch.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

2:05 p.m.

Judge Martinez called meeting to order.

Motion to approve a position in the Planning Department at \$ 36,000.

Move: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Velasquez questioned the proposed Department of Public Information. Judge Martinez stated that it was time that Webb County had a Public Information Officer. Judge Martinez further stated that Ms. Elizabeth Pease would be the said Public Information Officer for Webb County.

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney addressed the court on Third Party Funding.

Motion to approve \$ 25,000.00 for promotion line item and \$ 7,500.00 for Boxing Coalition as per recommendation of the committee.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to accept Judge Martinez proposed budget regarding Third Party Finding (\$ 408,000) but to increase Animal Protective Society line item by \$ 17,000.00.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to add a position to help the Right Of Way Coordinator that will be paid from grant monies at the Engineering Department.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Ms. Janie Puente, Risk Manager came before the court for them to consider the Automated External Defibrillators and a reorganization of her department.

Motion to accept Ms. Puente's request regarding reorganization within the total dollar amount.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to add an additional 4% increase to Ms. Janie Puente, Risk Manager salary.

Moved: Judge Martinez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 3
Against: 0
Abstain: 1 } Commissioner Urdiales

**Commissioner Vasquez stepped out during this vote.

Motion to adopt changes presented by Mr. Villarreal as well revenues That will address these issues.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to adopt the Webb County Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 pursuant to Chapter 111, Texas Local Government Code with all modifications discussed.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c. Adoption of Tax Rate –
2.)

Motion to adopt the Webb County Tax Rate of .445223 per \$ 100.00 taxable valuation per tax year 2001 (Fiscal Year 2001-2002) pursuant to Chapter 26, Texas Property Code.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c. Adoption of General Order –
3.)

Motion to adopt the Operational General order for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c. Designation of Commissioners Court Meetings –

4.)

Motion to designate the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (exception the 2nd Monday of May and July at 5:30 p.m.) as the regular term of Commissioners Court pursuant §81.005, Texas Local Government Code.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c. Holiday Schedule -

5.)

Motion to accept the Holiday schedule as presented.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d. Qualifications for Veteran's Service Officer and Law Librarian -

6.)

Motion to use the qualifications as set by the statute for the selection of the Veteran's Service Officer.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to make it a requirement that the applicants for Law Librarian shall have a degree in Library Science and or Law Degree.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c. Defer Item -

7.)

Motion to defer this item:

Create a new trust and agency trust for Commissioner Velasquez
10% donation of his salary to be used for Park equipment and transferring
the money from the General fund to this new fund.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c. Relocate MIS Department -

8.)

Motion to approve the relocation of the MIS Department to the new Webb County
Administration Building.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c. Environmental Protection Department –

9.)

Motion to create an Environmental Protection Department that will specialized
in compliance to State and Federal Environmental Laws under the supervision
and direction of the Webb County Commissioners Court.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

** Commissioner Velasquez stepped out during vote.

6. – d. Tabled items –

1. & 2.)

Motion to table items under Election Administration:

Order a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2001 for the issuance of bonds to establish and maintain the “Webb County Youth Village” and
Order Special Election to be held on November 6, 2001 for the levy of a Special purpose tax (Ad Valorem Assessed) for the establishment and

Action to order Special Election to be held on November 6, 2001 for the Levy of a Special Purpose Tax (Ad Valorem Assessed) for the establishment and Maintenance of the “Webb County Youth Village”.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d. Resolution -

3.)

Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing and establishing the main and Temporary branch early voting polling sites for the November 6, 2001 Special Election within Webb County, Texas in accordance with Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d. Resolution -

4., 5. & 6.)

Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing and establishing the election day polling sites and the consolidation of certain election day precincts within Webb County, Texas for the November 6, 2001 Special Election in accordance with Sections 42.008 and 4.003 Texas Election Code and;

Approve a Resolution authorizing the setting of salaries for Election Day presiding judges and Election Day Clerk for the November 6, 2001 Special Election pursuant to Section 32.091 (a), Texas Election Code as amended by Senate Bill 1023 passed by the 77th Legislature State of Texas and;

Approve a resolution authorizing and establishing a central counting Station, appointment of a central counting station presiding judge, counting station clerks for the November 6, 2001 Special Election in accordance with Chapter 127, Texas Election Code.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – e. Engineering –
2.)

Motion to authorize the County Judge to declare an Emergency Order in Webb County for the flood damage which occurred on August 30, 31, 2001 and September 5, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

** Commissioner Urdiales stepped out during this vote.

6. – f. Road & Bridge –

Motion to fill slot # 1899 (Plant Operator I for Colorado Acres Water Treatment Plant) at \$ 8.13 an hour.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – g. Risk Management -

Motion to approve the renewal of the Accidental Insurance for Webb County Head Start Program from Maskin Group in the amount of \$ 5,260.00 (\$5.00 per child) to become effective October 1, 2001 and authorize for the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – h. Economic Development –

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit request for Proposals (RFP) for “Service provider” as required by ‘Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the proposed project (Webb County CAA is currently the “Service Provider” for the Webb County Self Help Center Project through October 9, 2001. The new Self Help Center contract is scheduled to be effective 10-10-2001 through 10-09-2005).

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – i Auditor –

Motion to transfer \$ 475,549 from Certificates of Obligation Series 2000 to complete the funding of the renovation construction costs of the Sheriff Administration Building Project. The funds will be \$ 272,792 remaining from the Tex-Mex Railroad land purchase and \$ 232,754 from interest.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – j. Tax Assessor-Collector -

Motion to approve a line item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 001-0700-6011 (training/ed.) \$ 1,500.00

To: acct. 001-0700-6402 (repairs & maint. of equip.) \$ 1,500.00

Note: These monies are needed for the maintenance agreement for the AS400

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – k. Planning Department –

Motion to issue “Certifications regarding compliance with Plat Requirements and the connection of utilities” to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Sec. 232.029 (i) TLGC

? Tracts 13 & 14, Ranchitos Los Nopalitos

(electricity – 1 dwelling)

? Lot 18, Block 5, San Carlos 1 Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Connection qualifying under Section 232.028 (a) and (b) TLGC

? Lots 1, 3 and 5, Block 89, Bruni Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – i. Facilities -

Motion to fill slot # 042 (Energy Management Tec) at \$ 12.29 an hour and Slot# 1509 (General Office Clerk) at \$ 8.85 an hour effective 9-10-01.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-09-258 Purchasing Department –

a.

Motion to award the following bid contracts:

Bid # 2001-63 Classroom Supplies for Head Start

Vendor: Lakeshore Learning Materials
Environments, Inc.
Capstone Press
Kaplan Companies, Inc.
Reynolds Manufacturing

Bid 2002-02 Lubricants, Anti-Freeze, Permanent Type and Cleaning
Solvent

Vendor: Arguindegui Oil Co.

Bid 2002-04 Ready Mix

Vendor: Javalina Ready Mix

Bid 2002-05 Emulsions

Vendor: Eagle Asphalt Prod.

Bid 2002-07 Motor Batteries

Vendor: Laurel Batteries

Bid 2002-08 Heavy Equipment Parts

Vendor: Waukesha-Pearce Industries

Bid 2002-09 Wheel Alignment & Balancing Service

Vendor: HHT Tire Center

Bid 2002-13 Milk, Orange Juice

Vendor: Hygeia Dairy Co.

Bid 2002-14 Coffee

Vendor: Sara Lee Coffee & Tea

Bid 2002-15 Sliced bread

Vendor The Earthgrains Co.

Bid 2002-18 Oxygen, Acetylene & welding Supplies

Vendor: Air Gas Southwest

Bid 2002-19 Electrical Supplies

Vendor: C.E.D.

Bid 2002-20 Fire-Extinguishers

Vendor: Pro-Fire Protection Inc.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. – b. & c. Deferred Items –

Motion to defer these items:

Action to adopt and approve the procedures for Cellular Telephone Service for Webb County and;

Action to award/reject bid # 2001-73 for Cellular Telephone Service for Webb County.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. – d. Purchase of books –

Motion to purchase books from Laredo Community College Bookstore for the Webb County Head Start Program in the amount of \$ 5,333.03.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. – e. Deferred Item –

Motion to defer this item:

Action to authorize the Robert Sepulveda of Sepulveda Associates to retain the Services of Jodie Bole, Datacom Communications Consultant to provide the necessary services for Telecommunications Systems for six Webb County buildings and 19 remote sites.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-09-259

8. – a. County Attorney –

Motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo for Fire Protection, Emergency Medical and rescue Services for all Unincorporated areas of Webb County for a two year period commencing October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003, at a cost of \$ 450,000 per year and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – b. Grant Award –

Motion to accept a Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of \$ 15,592.00 for the Juvenile Department with a matching fund from the county for \$ 6,418.00 (\$2,700 for emergency shelter, \$10,350 for counseling, \$ 8,750 for psychological testing and \$200 for clothing of juvenile detainees) required, effective 9-1-01 through 8-31-2002 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – c. Grant Award –

Motion to accept a Grant Award from the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of \$ 33,608 (\$20,233 for counselor, \$ 8,764 for fridge, \$ 4,011 for family and individual counseling, psycho-social evaluation and \$ 600 for local mileage) for the Juvenile Department to provide a Mediation Services in family assault cases with no matching funds required, effective 9-1-2001 through 8-31-2002 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – d. Licensing Agreement –

Motion to enter into a Licensing Agreement with Ezaccess, Inc., to provide Software support services to the Webb County Tax assessor-Collector at a cost of \$ 8.940 for a one year term and authorize the County Judge to execute same.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – e. Deferred Item –

Motion to defer this item:

Action to enter into a Licensing Permit Agreement with Westerngeco, Inc., to perform a geophysical survey on the following Webb County properties: Detention Center off San Ignacio Road, Casa Blanca Lake, Life Downs & Rifle Range and the Casa Blanca Country Club encompassing 1,358 acres of Webb County Property for \$ 33,961.85 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – f. Agreement / Technicopy –

Motion to enter into an Agreement with Technicopy to assume the responsibilities of Value Office Systems (VOS) Texas for copies equipment in the Webb County Clerk Department at the same terms and conditions at no additional cost to the County and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – g. Grant Award –

Motion to accept a Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of \$ 44,408 for the District Attorney's Initiative Against Domestic Violence with a matching fund from the County for \$ 13,475. The budgeted amounts under the grant are \$ 40,000 for an investigator and \$ 13,993 for fringe, effective 9-1-2001 through 8-31-2002 and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – h. Amendment # 2 –

Motion to the Texas community Development Program (TCDP) Contract #720889, which is currently in effect between April 9, 2000 and April 18, 2001. The amendment incorporates a performance statement into the contract targeting water facility improvements and rehabilitation of water service to targeted households in the Colonia Los Corralitos, and a Community Center for residents of Bruni, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – i. Grant Amendment –

Motion to approve a Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Rural grant Program (El Aguila Rural Transportation Program) for \$ 710,373 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. The grant is for a one year period commencing 9-1-01 and ending 8-31-2002.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – j. Grant Award –

Motion to accept a Grant Award from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 to the Webb County Constable, Pct. 1, for on-site compliance inspections of Cigarette and Tobacco Retail Outlets and Education for retailers or school age children with no matching funds required, effective 9-1-2001 through 8-31-2002 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – o. Deferred Item –

Motion to defer this item:

Action to enter into Interlocal Agreement Cooperation Contract with the City Of Rio Bravo concerning the repair and maintenance of city vehicles associated with garbage collection.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – p. Amend Operational General Order -

Motion to amend the Operational general Order to reflect revisions to the County's payment process, recommended by the County's Finance Committee and approved by the Commissioners Court on August 27, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – r. Agreement –

Motion to enter into an Agreement with Naismith Engineering, Inc. for the Oilton Water System Improvements pursuant to the Webb County TCDP Contract # 721859 at a cost of \$ 48,000.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – s. Agreement –

Motion to enter into an Agreement with Naismith Engineering, Inc., for the State Highway 359 EDAP Right-Of-Way pursuant to the Webb County TCDP Contract # 721105 at a cost of \$ 257,400 and authorize the County Judge to execute same.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

4:45 p.m.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the following items:

- 8. – l. } Action to review claim of Manpower, Inc. (provider), for payments due to temporary clerical assistance services provided to the Webb County Constable, Pct. 2 The provider has contacted the County Attorney for payment.
- 8. – m. } Consultation with County Attorney regarding county's non-withholding of and late payment of FICAA to the Social Security Administration on behalf of county and certain officials. Possible action in open session after consultation.
- 8. – n. } Consultation with County Attorney regarding new contract matters including possible reimbursement for repairs provided by Webb County which may be due to Webb County by Golf Course Operator beginning January 1, 2000. Possible action in open session after consultation.

8. – k. } Consultation with County Attorney to review legal status of, compliance with, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City Of Laredo in connection with Public Health Services. Discussion and possible action to direct payment as appropriate.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

5:45 p.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

8. – l. } Motion to table item.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – n. } Motion to allow the County Attorney to file a motion with the 341st District Court, that the county has already concluded its own review and is prepared to request that an independent Auditor be appointed by the court to finalize matters pertaining to utilities and past due accounts also;
That under the new Agreement, a letter be filed with the operator stating the amounts due as of 1-1-2000.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

8. – m. } Motion to engage the services of Akin, Gump & Strauss, specifically, Mr. Paul Martin, Attorney and request an opinion from the Attorney General regarding this matter.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – k. } Motion to authorize the payment of \$ 55,000 (½ of \$ 110,000) and advise the City of Laredo of matters that have been brought to our attention regarding services that are in question.

Mr. Ramirez stated that the final amount be paid when matters are worked out.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

